

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/797,094

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment received from the applicant on May 10, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-15, 20 and 21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Reasons for Allowance

1. An amendment was received from the applicant on May 10, 2005.
2. Claims 1-3, 16-19 and 22-25 have been canceled.
3. Claims 4-15, 20 and 21 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The slider as claimed is not shown or suggested in the prior art because of the use of a slider that is comprised of a non-polyethylene foam core board with a top, bottom and edge surfaces, a top layer that is further comprised of a first outer plastic film, a first pattern that is printed on a bottom surface of said first outer plastic film, and a first inner plastic film that is heat laminated to said bottom surface of said first outer plastic film, a first bonding film that is heat laminated to a bottom surface of said first inner film and said top and edge surfaces of said foam core board, and a bottom layer that is heat laminated to said bottom surface of said foam core board. The prior art also does not show or suggest the use of a slider as described above in combination with a first outer plastic film having a top surface with a plurality of concaves that form depressions in a top and edge surfaces of a polyethylene foam skin that is heat laminated to a bottom surface of said first inner plastic film and said top and edge surfaces of said foam core board.
5. The prior art as disclosed by Szabad, Jr. (US 4,850,913) shows the use of a composite layer that is comprised of a polyethylene foam sheet or skin with a density of 1 to 10 PCF, a plastic board that is heat laminated to a top surface of said polyethylene

foam skin, and a film that is heat laminated to a bottom surface of said polyethylene foam skin. Glydon (US 5,658,179) discloses a sports board that is comprised of a foam core, a top layer that is heat laminated to a top and edge surfaces of said foam core, and a bottom layer that is heat laminated to a bottom surface of said foam core. Schneider et al. (US 5,211,593) discloses a foam core structure with a graphics-imprinted skin, said structure having an outer layer further comprised of a first outer film, a first graphics pattern that is printed on a bottom surface of said first outer film, and a first inner film that is heat laminated to a bottom surface of said first outer film. Newly cited reference by Moran (US 5,647,784) discloses a bodyboard that is comprised of a top layer or upper skin, an intermediate bonding layer, and a foam core, where said intermediate bonding layer aids in binding a bottom surface of said upper skin to a top surface of said foam core. Moran (US 5,238,434) discloses a bodyboard with a textured bottom skin having a plurality of concaves. Stewart (US 4,752,260) discloses a bodyboard with a textured top surface having a plurality of concaves. However, none of the prior art cited shows or suggests the use of a slider that is comprised of a non-polyethylene foam core board with a top, bottom and edge surfaces, a top layer that is further comprised of a first outer plastic film, a first pattern that is printed on a bottom surface of said first outer plastic film, and a first inner plastic film that is heat laminated to said bottom surface of said first outer plastic film, a first bonding film that is heat laminated to a bottom surface of said first inner film and said top and edge surfaces of said foam core board, and a bottom layer that is heat laminated to said bottom surface of said foam core board. The prior art also does not show or suggest the use of a slider

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as described above in combination with a first outer plastic film having a top surface with a plurality of concaves that form depressions in a top and edge surfaces of a polyethylene foam skin that is heat laminated to a bottom surface of said first inner plastic film and said top and edge surfaces of said foam core board.

Conclusion

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Exr. Lars Olson whose telephone number is (571) 272-6685.

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May 31, 2005

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